Inclusion of certain Categories in the SC/ ST list

875. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether recommendations received from the State Government of Gujarat for inclusion in the lists of SCs and STs of certain categories of people are pending with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating when the recommendations was received and the present status thereof; and

(c) the reason for not accepting specific recommendations of the State and the action Government have taken or propose to take on the recommendations of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes Sir;

(b) The Government of Gujarat in their letter dated 15.5.98 has recommended for inclusion of three communities in the list of Scheduled Castes, details of which are as under:—

1. Nat,
2. Natada, and
3. Bajigar.

(c) The recommendations of the State Government are being considered along with similar other proposals received from various States/Union Territories.

Campaign Against Child abuse

876. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission had launched a month long campaign in the Capital against child abuse of September 10, 1998; and

(b) if so, the salient featurs of the campaign, and the success achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Information will be collected and placed on the Table of the House.

Finance assistance to DRCs

877. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend financial assistance for setting up of District Rehabilitation Centres in the Country, Especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) At present, there are 11 Districts Rehabilitation Centres in 10 States. One of them is existing at Vijaywada in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Does not arise.

Banjara Govari and Halba Koshts for Inclusion in the list of STS

878. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation from Banjara Govari and Halba Koshts community in Maharashtra seeking inclusion in the notified ST communities for the purpose of reservations in services, admissions and other facilities;

(b) if so, the details of the memorandum/justification received and

ne reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government are considering to set up experts committee to study and decide about the long pending claims of different communities for inclusion in reserved categories; and

(d) if so, by when Government would take final decision in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) All these claims/proposals are under consideration along with other similar claims/proposals received from vairous States/U.Ts.

(d) As the subject matter is a continuous process, time frame can not be specified.

Working Women's Hostels in Bihar

879. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of working women's hostels established in Bihar with the assistance of Welfare Ministry,

(b) the names and addresses of NGOs running the working women's hostel in Bihar and the grants being given to each of them annually; and

(c) the number of working women staying in each hostel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) 8 Working Women's Hostels have been sanctioned in Bihar under the Scheme of Assistance for Construction/Expansion of Hostel Building for Working Women with Day Care Centre for children implemented by the Department of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Human Resource Development. Details are given in the attached statement *See* below. Only Nonrecurring grant is payable under the scheme towards cost of building construction and land. The scheme does not involve payment of recurring or annual grants.

A total amount of Rs. 37,333/- was sanctioned to the following Non-Governmental Organisations in Bihar during 1997-98 under the scheme of grant-in-aid for running/maintenance of working women's hostels being implemented by the Central Social Welfare Board which is under the administrative control of the Development of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Human Resource Development:—

1. Young Men's Christain Association, Christ Church Compound, Collectorate Road P.O. GPO, Patna.
2. Human Development and Welfare Society, Surya Complex, Jamal Road, Patna.
3. Syed Imazuddin Quardri Mu'im Minority Welfare Society, At & P.O. Nemoul, Viz Barsoi Ghat, Distt. Katihar.

(c) The information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.